THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.4599 OF 2006

Dt.9.3.2006

Between:

Sana Shanta Bai … Petitioner

And

The District Collector, Adilabad &

Chairman, Apath Bandhu Scheme,

Adilabad District. … Respondent

ORDER:

Petitioner seeks writ of mandamus directing the respondent District Collector to dispose of the representation filed by the petitioner dated 20.2.2006 for payment of compensation to the petitioner under Aapath Bandhu Scheme for the death of her husband Sana Bheemaiah due to asphyxia by snake bite.

The case of the petitioner is that her husband was an agricultural labour and a landless poor eking out livelihood on agricultural work and he died on 10.9.2003 as a result of snake bite leaving behind him the petitioner and her son aged about seven years. It is stated that F.I.R in crime No.48/2003 was registered under Section 174

Cr.P.C., and the post mortem examination conducted by the Assistant Civil Surgeon of Government Hospital, Sirpur opined that the death was due to respiratory failure (asphyxia) because of snake bite. It is stated that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has promulgated a scheme which had insurance premium coverage by the ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, Hyderabad and another Insurance Company and the premium of which was paid by the Government covering the deaths in certain accidents, drowning, floods, cyclone etc., and the said scheme also includes the death due to snake bite. The said scheme is named as "Apath Bandhu Accident Insurance Scheme for Below Poverty Line Families in Andhra Pradesh." The said scheme is promulgated from the year 1995 and is being extended by the Government from time to time. It is stated that the Government is paying the premium as social security for the benefit of poor. Accordingly, the petitioner after completing all the formalities made a representation on 20.2.2006 before the respondent to consider her case for sanction of the relief under Apath Bandhu Scheme.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue on behalf of the respondent.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the said representation dated 20.2.2006 in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders within a period of ten weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No order as to costs.

(V.ESWARAIAH, J.)

9.3.2006

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